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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :Shin-ichi HASHIMOTO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Appl. No :09/868,924

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Examiner: Irene Marx

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For :PROCESS FOR PRODUCING HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450,  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on February 9, 2003 (February 7, 2003 being a Saturday) this Response is being filed together with a Request for Extension of Time for 3 months will all required fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, credit any overpayment or charge any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to deposit account No. 19-0089

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.**